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**REQUEST**

FOR

**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)****TRANSMITTAL**

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Application Number	09/693,606
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First Named Inventor	Banker, et al.
Group Art Unit	2611
Examiner Name	Ngoc K. Vu
Attorney Docket Number	A-6285 (191910-1250)

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCE's (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

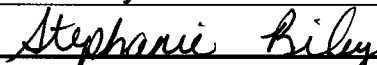
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- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
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